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OF 5TH FREEDOM; NW JUNE 8 SCHEDULE

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SUMMARY:
BELOW IS TEXT OF INFORMAL MOFA PAPER AMPLIFYING GOJ
VIEWS SET FORTH IN JUNE 2 NOTE VERBALE ON NW
JUNE 8 SCHEDULE AND FIFTH FREEDOM OVERNIGHTS.
END SUMMARY.

1. DURING JUNE 3 MEETING WITH MOFA'S WATANABE
(REFTEL B), EMBOFF SUGGESTED THAT IT MIGHT BE
HELPFUL WERE MOFA TO FURTHER AMPLIFY GOJ VIEWS
SET FORTH IN JUNE 2 NOTE VERBALE RE ALLEGED ABUSE
OF FIFTH FREEDOM BY U.S. CARRIERS AND PARTICULARLY
NORTHWEST'S JUNE 8 SCHEDULE. ON JUNE 6 WE
RECEIVED INFORMAL PAPER, DATED JUNE 5, WHICH READS
AS QUOTED BELOW. (WE APOLOGIZE FOR DELAY IN
FORWARDING.)

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QUOTE:
(PARA) WITH REFERENCE TO THE REQUEST EXPRESSED BY THE
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA ON JUNE 3, 1978, CONCERNING THE ABUSE
OF FIFTH FREEDOM TRAFFIC RIGHTS, PARTICULARLY ITS
EXERCISE PERTAINING TO THE APPLICATION OF CHANGE OF

BUSINESS PROGRAMS FROM NORTHWEST ORIENT AIRLINES (REF. NW--006 REVISED) DATED MAY 17, 1978, THE VIEWS OF OUR GOVERNMENT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. JAPANESE SIDE REGRETS THAT U.S. SIDE HAS NOT YET TAKEN ANY NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE MEASURE TO PREVENT THE ABUSE OF FIFTH FREEDOM TRAFFIC RIGHTS ALTHOUGH THIS QUESTION WAS REFERRED TO IN THE AGREED MINUTES DATED JULY 12, 1977 WHICH STIPULATED THAT THIS ISSUE SHOULD BE RESOLVED IN THE CONTEXT OF THE PROBLEM OF IMMEDIATE ISSUES.
2. ACCORDING TO THE RECENTLY SUBMITTED NORTHWEST'S APPLICATION, THE SO-CALLED OVERNIGHT STAY CASES ON CERTAIN FLIGHTS TO SEOUL BEYOND TOKYO HAVE NOT BEEN TERMINATED. IN THIS CONNECTION, JAPANESE SIDE BELIEVES THAT SUCH OVERNIGHT STAY AT TOKYO IS UNNECESSARY SINCE THE QUESTION RELATED TO AIRPORT CURFEW AT SEOUL CAN BE SOLVED BY RESCHEDULING THE DEPARTURE TIME OF THOSE FLIGHTS FROM THE UNITED STATES A FEW HOURS EARLIER. JAPANESE SIDE FEELS THEREFORE THAT THERE IS NO SERIOUS CONSIDERATION BY THE U.S. SIDE ON THIS SPECIFIC MATTER.
3. FURTHERMORE, CONCERNING NORTHWEST'S CAPACITY IN CERTAIN SEGMENTS BEYOND TOKYO, JAPANESE SIDE ALSO REGRETS THAT THERE IS LACK OF CONSIDERATION BY U.S. SIDE ON OUR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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BASIC POSITION THAT THE RATIO OF THE LOCAL TRAFFIC SHOULD NOT EXCEED FIFTY PERCENT OF THE TOTAL PASSENGERS IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT JAPANESE SIDE HAS REPEATEDLY STATED THIS CONSIDERED POSITION THROUGHOUT THE SERIES OF NEGOTIATIONS.

4. THEREFORE, JAPANESE SIDE URGES THAT U.S. SIDE SHOULD RECONSIDER THE RECENTLY SUBMITTED FLIGHT SCHEDULE OF NORTHWEST ORIENT AIRLINES IN A MANNER PREVENTING THE ABUSE OF FIFTH FREEDOM TRAFFIC RIGHTS, NAMELY, DISCONTINUATION OF OVERNIGHT STAY CASES AND CORRECTION OF THE RATIO OF LOCAL TRAFFIC IN THE SEGMENT TO SEOUL BEYOND TOKYO, WITH A VIEW TO MAINTAINING A HARMONIOUS AND PEACEFUL ATMOSPHERE MUTUALLY CONFIRMED AS DESIRABLE AT THE CLOSE OF THE LAST TALKS IN WASHINGTON.

JUNE 5, 1978,
TOKYO
END QUOTE.

2. ON JUNE 6 NW REP ALSO INFORMED JCAB THAT NW DID NOT INTEND TO ALTER ITS JUNE 8 FILING. JCAB MADE NO RESPONSE AND SITUATION REMAINS IN LIMBO OWING TO

CONTINUING NW STRIKE.

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